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Dear Sir or Madam:

Applicants of the above-identified application request a written indication of the status of processing of this application. The last communication that the undersigned attorney received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was a Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on July 21, 2009, to which a Response was filed on November 19, 2009. The undersigned has since heard nothing from the Patent Office and requests an indication of the status of examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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